



Do you want your Right  
of Way to look like this?

Or like this?

## Advocating for the Biological Value of Your Local Right of Way – March 12, 10 am - 1 pm, CT Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven

Landowners, Land Trusts, Municipalities

Do you have a high-voltage utility right-of-way (ROW) on or abutting your property or running through your town?

Rights-of-way have been managed for decades by public utilities as valuable habitats, dominated by shrubs and perennials, with low-growing trees along the edges, and home to many rare plants, insects, birds, and other wildlife, while also providing reliable electrical service.

The management of ROWs has been changing here in CT, particularly by Eversource, and has already changed for some land trusts and landowners.

See the attached picture from the Wilton Land Trust of their ROW (above left) paved with gravel. This could happen to the right of way passing through your land, next to your land, or in your town.

At this workshop, you will learn:

- Why and how has the management of transmission line ROWs changed in CT?
- When you get a notice that the utility will be replacing your poles, you will have only 30 days to advocate for your ROW with the CT Siting Council
- What is the CT Siting Council?
- What is a 1293 sub petition? Why do you need to know? What do you need to look for in your sub petition?
- How to prepare - identify the valuable habitats and resources of your ROW BEFORE you get a notice
- Make sure your resources are documented in the Natural Diversity Database and mapped with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
- How to engage with the process at the Connecticut Siting Council
- What options can be used to allow the utility to replace poles while minimizing damage?
- After the construction is done - how to work with the utility to restore and revegetate the ROW and maintain its biological value into the future

If you would like to attend, please let me know: [Kimberly.Stoner@ct.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Stoner@ct.gov)